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OT-5003**REMARKS**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the remarks and analysis contained in the Office Action. Claims 19-43 were pending and were rejected in the Office Action. By way of this Response, (a) claims 19, 21 and 33 are amended; (b) new claims 44 and 45 are added; and (c) claim 20 is cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 19 and 21-45 are pending for further consideration. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

1. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103

Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), the Examiner rejected claims 19-22, 33, and 37-40 as allegedly being anticipated by JP 2000-177949 ("*Toshiyuki*"). Further, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), the Examiner rejected claims 19, 20, 23, 33, 39, and 40 as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0087399 ("*Miyoshi*"). Finally, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), the Examiner rejected:

(a) claims 23, 26, 35, 39, and 45 as allegedly being obvious in view of *Toshiyuki*;

(b) claims 24, 25, and 34 as allegedly being obvious when considering *Toshiyuki* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,405,834 ("*Chida*");

(c) claims 27 and 36 as allegedly being obvious when considering *Toshiyuki* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,271,455 ("*Semple*");

(d) claims 28 and 42 as allegedly being obvious when considering *Toshiyuki* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,305,499 ("*Jones*");

(e) claim 29 as allegedly being obvious when considering *Toshiyuki* in view of *Jones* and further in view of JP 07-097157 ("*Kihachiro*"); and

(f) claims 30-32 and 41 as allegedly being obvious when considering *Toshiyuki* in view of *Kihachiro*.

For at least the following reasons, Applicants respectfully traverse each of these rejections.

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OT-5003**A. Rejections Based Upon *Toshiyuki***

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103 based upon *Toshiyuki*. *Toshiyuki* does not teach or suggest an arrangement in which a support base, which is distinct from and secured to a roof surface, is also secured to a cover. *Toshiyuki*'s cover 20 is not secured to the plate 22, which the Examiner analogizes to the "support base" recited in claims 19 and 33. Rather, *Toshiyuki*'s cover 20 is secured to the projecting walls 8A. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's interpretation of the projecting walls 8A as being part of the plate 22 (i.e. support base) is unreasonable because it is inconsistent with what is actually shown in Fig. 2 of *Toshiyuki*. The projecting walls 8A of *Toshiyuki* are more reasonably interpreted as part of the ceiling 8. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that none of *Chida*, *Semple*, *Jones*, and *Kihachiro* cures this deficiency of *Toshiyuki*. Therefore, none of Applicants' claims can be considered anticipated or rendered obvious by *Toshiyuki*, even if *Toshiyuki* were combined with any of *Chida*, *Semple*, *Jones*, and *Kihachiro*. A withdrawal of each of the rejections based on *Toshiyuki* is, therefore, both warranted and earnestly solicited.

B. Rejections Based Upon *Miyoshi*

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) based upon *Miyoshi*. The case body 54 of *Miyoshi* is only shown secured to the roof top 50. There is no support base distinct from the roof top 50 to which the case body 54 is secured in *Miyoshi*. Therefore, there is no anticipation. A withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19, 20, 23, 33, 39, and 40 based on *Miyoshi* is, therefore, both warranted and earnestly solicited.

2. New Claims 44 and 45

Applicants respectfully submit that new claim 44 is allowable as being dependent on allowable claim 21. In addition, Applicants also respectfully submit that new claim 45 is allowable, as neither *Miyoshi* nor *Toshiyuki* discloses or suggests an arrangement in which

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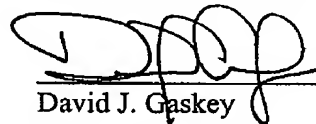
multiple accesses having different sized openings provide access inside a cover. Support for claim 45 is found, for example, in Figure 3 and page 5, lines 21-24, and page 4, lines 5-10, of Applicants' specification.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicants' representative will be happy to discuss any issues regarding this application and can be contacted at the telephone number indicated below.

Applicants believe that fees in the amount of \$50.00 for an additional claim above twenty are due. A credit card payment form paying that amount is submitted with this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional necessary fee or to credit any overpayment to deposit account 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds.

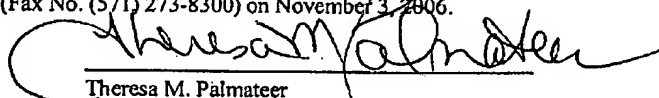
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